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SUBJECT: DEDP EA DRILLING PROJECT (DSDP# - LEG 42A,
OPERATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA, 12 APRIL - 19 MAY
1975

REF: A) STATE 67453 (MADRID ONLY); B) ANKARA 2105 (STATE
ONLY)

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE DRILLING VESSEL (D/V) GLOMAR
CHALLENGER PLANS DEPART MALAGA, SPAIN, ON 12 APRIL TO
UNDERTAKE SCIENTIFIC DEEP-SEA DRILLING OPERATIONS AT
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SEVEN SITES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND TO PROCEED TO

ISTANBUL, TURKEY, ARRIVING ON 19 MAY. A SIMILAR STUDY WJ UNDERTAKEN IN MEDITERRANEAN IN 1970. VESSEL IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY GLOBAL MARINE, INC. UNDER DIRECTION OF SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY FROM FUNDS PROVIDED BY CONTRACT FROM NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. OBJECTIVE OF UPCOMING LEG OF DSDP IS TO VERIFY THE THEORY THAT THE MEDITERRANEAN WAS TOTALLY DRY DURING LATE MIOCENE GEOLOGIC PERIOD AND THEN FILLED BY MAJOR FLOOD DURING ONSET OF PLIOCENE PERIOD. ALL RESEARCH IS OPEN (UNCLASSIFIED) AND SCIENTIFIC RESULTS WILL BE WIDELY DISSEMINATED. ALL PROPOSED DRILLING SITES ARE OUTSIDE CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS, FISHING ZONES AND CONTINENTAL SHELVES OF ALL

MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL STATES. ALL DRILLING SITES ARE IN DEEPER THAN TWO THOUSAND METERS. PENETRATION AT ALL SITES WILL BE LESS THAN 1000 METERS--IN MOST CASES LESS THAN 500 METERS. ALL SITES HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO AVOID THE LIKELIHOOD OF ENCOUNTERING HYDROCARBONS DURING DRILLING. ALL SITES ARE REVIEWED BY TWO SAFETY PANELS. IF ANY INDICATIONS OF HYDROCARBONS OCCUR WHILE DRILLING, DRILL HOLES ARE CEMENTED UP AND ABANDONED. SCIENTISTS FROM FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, ITALY, SWITZERLAND, TEXAS, U.K., U.S. AND U.S.S.R. WILL BE ABOARD VESSEL. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE (AND AIRGRAM TO FOLLOW) IS TO PROVIDE POSTS WITH SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ANSWER POSSIBLE INQUIRIES FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS AND/OR PRESS REGARDING OPERATIONS OF VESSEL. LIKELIHOOD AND TONE OF SUCH INQUIRIES ARE DIFFICULT TO PREDICT. IF ACTION ADDRESSEES DECIDE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF VESSEL'S OPERATIONS, THEY SHOULD DO SO ON A LOW-KEY INFORMAL BASIS. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ANY SUCH "INFORMING" PROCESS CAN IN NO WAY BE INTERPRETED TO BE A "NOTIFICATION" PROCESS. CURRENT U.S. LAW-OF-THE-SEA POLICY PRECLUDES ANY SUCH "NOTIFICATION" OF U.S. ACTIVITIES ON HIGH SEAS. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE DEPARTMENT (1) OF ANY ACTION TAKEN TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS AND (2) OF ANY PRESS OR OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT ON GLOMAR CHALLENGER'S OPERATIONS IN MEDITERRANEAN. END SUMMARY.

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2. GENERAL OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF VESSEL ARE AS FOLLOWS: NAME OF MASTER IS CAPT. LLOYD DILL; CREW NUMBERS APPROX. 45. SCIENTIFIC PARTY INCLUDES SCIENTISTS LISTED ABOVE AND APPROXIMATELY 12 TECHNICIANS. LENGTH IS 400 FT; BEAM, 65 FT; DRAFT, 20 FT; DISPLACEMENT, 10,500 LONG TONS; PROPULSION, TWIN-SCREW DIESEL ELECTRIC, TOTAL HP 10,000. VESSEL'S CALL LETTERS ARE WNCU; VD SEL MONITORS 500 KHZ AND UTILIZES 2182 VOICE. SHIP'S AGENT

IN MALAGA IS CONDEMINAS S.A., AVENIDO GENERALISSIMO
FRANCO 31.

3. ITINERARY OF VESSEL:

ARRIVE	LOCATION	DEPART
10 APR.	MALAGA, SPAIN	12 APR.
14 APR.	DRILL SITE M-5 A (S. BALEARIC BASIN)	17 APR.
18 APR.	DRILL SITE M-1 (BALEARIC BASIN)	24 APR.
26 APR.	DRILL SITE M-6 (TYRRHENIAN BASIN)	28 APR.
30 APR.	DRILL SITE M-2 (IONIAN SEA)	2 MAY
2 MAY	DRILL SITE M-2 (OFFSET) (IONIAN SEA)	3 MAY
7 MAY	DRILL SITE M-3 (FLORENCE RISE)	13 MAY
15 MAY	DRILL SITE M-8 (AEGEAN BASIN)	17 MAY
19 MAY	ISTANBUL	XXX

ITINERARY NOTES: (A) DRILL SITE M-5 ALT. REPLACES AN
EARLIER PLANNED DRILL SITE M-5 WHICH WAS DROPPED FROM
ITINERARY; (B) DRILL SITE M-4 IS AN ALTERNATE FOR DRILL
SITE M-3 (SEE BELOW); AND (C) DRILL SITE M-7 WAS DROPPED
FROM ITINERARY.

DRILL SITE INFORMATION (IN ORDER OF ABOVE ITINERARY):

SITE	LAT. -	WATER SEDIMENT	DISTANCE
--	LONG.	DEPTH PENETRA-	FROM LAND
---		TION	

M-1	39 DEG 52'N	2590M	500 M	56 KM
---	04 DEG 50'E			

M-1 ALT. 40 DEG 07'N 2150M 375 M 29 KM
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--- 04 DEG 29'E

M-5 ALT	37 DEG 36'N	2750M	400 M	80 KM
---	05 DEG 14'E			

M-6	39 DEG 44'N	3650M	600 M	135 KM
---	13 DEG 00'E			

M-6 ALT.	39 DEG 26'N	2890M	300 M	180 KM
---	11 DEG 43'E			

M-2	35 DEG 20'N	4100M	400 M	25U KM
---	18 DEG 10'E			

M-2	35 DEG 00'N	4100M	400 M	25U KM
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OFFSET 18 DEG 30'E

M-3 34 DEG 40'N 2300M 1000 M 60 KM
--- 31 DEG 41'E

M-4 33 DEG 04'N 650M 1000 M 200 KM
(ALT TO
M-3) 32 DEG 30'E

M-8 35 DE6 53'N 1825M 700 M 64 KM
--- 25 DEG 08'E

M-8 ALT. 35 DEG 46'N 960M 500 M 45 KM
--- 24 DEG 30'E

DRILL SITE NOTES: (A) OPERATIONS AT DRILL SITES M-1
AND M-3 (IF DRILLED) WILL ACTUALLY INVOLVE THREE DRILLINGS
AT EACH SITE, ALL OF WHICH WOULD BE IN IMMEDIATE AREA OF
SINGLE LOCATIONS SPECIFIED ABOVE FOR EACH SITE; (B) DRILL
SITES M-2 AND M-2 OFFSET ARE BOTH PRIMARY SITES, AND (C)
PRIOR TO EACH DRILLING OPERATION A BRIEF PRELIMINARY
SURVEY OF DRILL SITE WILL BE MADE; MINOR SHIFTS MAY
THEN BE MADE IN DRILL SITE; FOR THOSE DRILL SITES FOR
WHICH NO ALTERNATE SITES ARE GIVEN, ALTERNATES WILL BE
DETERMINED AFTER COMPLETION OF THIS PRELIMINARY SURVEY.

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4. SCIENTIFIC PARTY IS AS FOLLOWS: DR. K. J. HSU (CO-
CHIEF SCIENTIST) GEOLOGISCHES INST, ZURICH; DR. L.
MONTADERT (CO-CHIEF SCIENTIST#, INST. FRANCAIS DU PETROLE,
MALMAISON; DR. R. E. GARRISON, U. OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA
BARBARA; DR. E. M. EMELYANOV, SHIRSHOV INST. OF OCEANOLOGY,
KALININGRAD; DR. F. H. FABRISIUS, TECHN, UNIV, MUNCHEN;
DR. R. B. KIDD, INST. OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES, WORMLEY;
DR. C. MULLER, COETHE-UNIV., FRANKFURT; DR. M. CITA,
UNIV. DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO; DR. C. E. PFLUM, ESSO
RESEARCH, HOUSTON; DR. A. ERICKSON, U. OF GEORGIA; DR. D.
BERNOULLI, UNIV. BASEL; DR. F. MELIERES, UNIV. OF PARIS.

5. FOR ALGIERS: DR. MONTADERT (CO-CHIEF SCIENTIST) HAS
MET WITH DR. SAID, MANAGER OF EXPLORATION FOR SONATRACH,
APPARENTLY IN LATE JANUARY, TO DISCUSS OPERATION PLANNED
FOR SITE M-5. DR. SAID RECOMMENDED ON BASIS OF THESE
DISCUSSIONS THAT U.S. SHOULD "
OT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AT
ANY OTHER LEVEL" FOR GLOMAR CHALLENGER OPERATIONS.

6. FOR ATHENS: DR. HANS CLOSS (FRG: MEMBER OF DSDP
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) MET WITH GREEK MINISTER OF INDUSTRY,

DIRECTOR OF MINES (DR. ZACHOS), AND DR. MAKRIS ON 22 FEBRUARY. CLOSS INFORMED THEM OF OPERATIONS PLANNED FOR SITE M-8 AND INVITED THEM TO SEND OBSERVER OUT BY SMALL BOAT TO DRILLING VESSEL DURING DRILLING. CLOSS INDICATED GREEK OFFICIALS SAW NO PROBLEM WITH THIS OPERATION, BUT THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO SEND OBSERVERS TO VESSEL.

7. FOR MADRID: MATERIAL INCLUDED IN THIS MESSAGE AND IN FOLLOWING AIRGRAM WILL DUPLICATE SOME OR ALL INFORMATION YOU HAVE TRANSMITTED TO GOS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

8. FOR ANKARA: DR. TERENCE EDGAR (CHIEF SCIENTIST OF OVERALL DSDP PROGRAM) WROTE TO DR. SADRETTIN ALPAN (GENERAL DIRECTOR, MINERAL RESOURCES AND EXPLORATION INSTITUTE OF TURKEY - M.T.A. - ENSTITUSU, ANKARA) IN

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MAY OF 1974. HE INVITED ALPAN TO NOMINATE A TURKISH SCIENTIST TO JOIN GLOMAR CHALLENGER FOR LEG 42B IN BLACK SEA FOLLOWING LEG 42A. APPARENTLY, ALPAN REPLIED TO THIS INVITATION, NOMINATING DR. MUHITTIN SENALP OF M.T.A. TO JOIN CRUISE, BUT ALPAN'S REPLY WAS NEVER RECEIVED BY SCRIPPS. ALPAN WROTE SECOND LETTER TO SCRIPPS ON 2 MARCH WHICH WAS RECEIVED 20 MARCH. AS A RESULT OF SECOND LETTER, SCRIPPS HAS CABLED ALPAN THAT THEY WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE SENALP JOIN VESSEL IN ISTANBUL ON 19 MAY FOR BLACK SEA CRUISE. EMBASSY MAY INFORM SOYLEMEZ THAT ONLY ONE STATION IS PLANNED IN AEGEAN ON MEDITERRANEAN LEG OF CRUISE AND THAT THIS STATION (M-8) IS JUST NORTH OF CENTRAL CRETE. GREEK SCIENTISTS WERE INVITED TO VISIT THIS DRILLING SITE DURING OPERATIONS THERE, BUT NO RPT NO GREEK SCIENTISTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN VESSEL'S REGULAR SCIENTIFIC PARTY. INGERFOLL
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